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2nd Arty Regt.

1. Until 28 November 1950, the 2nd Arty Regt, [redacted] in Pilsen (N 50/L 40), 25X1 was subordinate to a Division headquarters which was also located in Pilsen and which was commanded by Generals Patera, (fnu), and Suchomel, (fnu). The regimental headquarters had [redacted] 25X1
2. The regimental headquarters, the signal battery and the I Bn were located in Pilsen-Bory, the II Bn in Klatovy (N 50/L 00), the III Bn in Kladruby (N 50/L 73), and the IV Bn in Vrsovsky Tyn (N 50/P 71). Prior to 4 November 1950, the I Bn had been stationed in Stribro (N 50/P 74). (2)
3. Lieutenant Colonel Kosar, (fnu), was regimental commander. Staff Captain Silhan, (fnu), was the commanding officer of the I Bn, Lieutenant Pelisek, (fnu), was the political officer.
4. The regiment was organized into the regimental headquarters with signal battery, and into four battalions. The I Bn consisted of a headquarters and Batteries A, B and C. [redacted] the II Bn had four batteries. Battery C of the I Bn consisted of the battery headquarters detail and two 2-gun platoons. There were 70 recruits in the A Battery of the I Bn, 60 in B Battery and 54 in C Battery. The gunners were Czechs and the drivers Slovaks. The officers, the regular NCOs and about two-thirds of the EM were registered members of the Communist Party. The mood of the troops was one of mutual distrust.
5. Each battery of the I Bn was equipped with four German model-18 light 105-mm field howitzers. Each battery of the II Bn had four 76.2-mm AT guns. The III Bn was equipped with German model-18 light field howitzers and the IV Bn with Soviet 122-mm guns. In late November 1950, the I Bn changed its German howitzers for Soviet 122-mm guns. With the exception of some riding horses, all horses of the regiment were shipped by rail to Slovakia at the same time. They were replaced with an unidentified number of Ford trucks. [redacted] 25X1 the horses' harnesses were shipped to an ordnance depot in Stenovice. (N 50/L 03).(3)
6. Gun drill began during the second week of basic training. There was firing with rifles and throwing of hand grenades in late October 1950.

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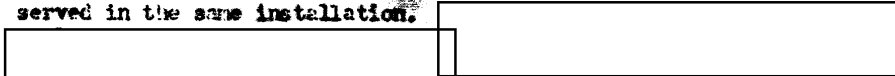
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Activation of the 12th Arty Regt.

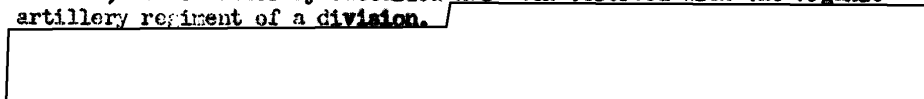
7. In late November 1950, the activation of the 12th Arty Regt was started in the Na Slovansk Barracks, Pilsen. Colonel Thorn, (fnu), was the regimental commander. AAA soldiers and radar sets were observed in the same installation.



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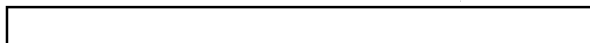
Comments.

- (1) Report confirms the 2nd Arty Regt in Pilsen.
- (2) The information on organization and disposition of the battalions differs from previous information and must be clarified. The regiment was previously reported to consist of only three battalions, the I Bn in Klatovy, the II Bn and the regimental headquarters in Pilsen, and the III Bn in Stribro.
- (3) To date, no AT artillery battalion has been observed with the organic artillery regiment of a division.



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- (4) The activation of the 12th Arty Regt was reported for the first time.



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